

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 11, Line 2, "claim 1" has been changed to --claim 2--;

Claim 12, Line 2, "claim 1" has been changed to --claim 2--;

Claim 13, Line 2, "claim 1" has been changed to --claim 2--.

The above changes to the claims have been made in order to obviate rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd paragraph (antecedent basis).

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1 and 3 and their dependent claims are allowable because claims 1 and 3 specifically require a pressure oil feed means for feeding hold-side pressure oil in the first hydraulic cylinder to an upstream side of the second directional control valve.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

U.S. Patents 7127888, 7059237, and 6898932 each disclose a hydraulic drive unit.

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL LESLIE whose telephone number is (571)272-4819. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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